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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

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At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.  
" 6 " " 4% " "  
" 12 " " 5% "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,  
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$1,800,000 Dollars.

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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, June 14, 1881.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 1st & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL

CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue BERGENE,  
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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:  
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,  
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Messrs C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. SCHWEBLIN,  
Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 12, 1881.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 6, 1881.

## Notices of Firms.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

DURING my Absence from Hongkong, Mr. ROBERT COOKE will act as SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board,

### D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, June 13, 1881.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

### SATURDAY.

the 16th July, 1881, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,

SUNDAY SILVER & PLATED-WARE,  
lately belonging to

W. R. LANDSTEIN, Deceased,  
comprising:

SOUTHERN SIDE DISHES, DISH COVERS,  
CHAFING DISHES, DECANTER STANDS, SAUCE  
BOATS, MUSTARD POTS, SAUCE CELLARS, SAL-  
VEIS, AND EPEROSES.

2 SILVER GLASS CLARET JUGS.

1 " CLARET JUG and 2 GOBLETS.

3 " CUPS and STANDS in Case.

1 SET SILVER DESSERT KNIVES and FORKS  
in Case.

1 SET SILVER FISH KNIVES and FORKS in  
Case.

ETC., ETC., ETC.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS of SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 11, 1881.

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## For Sale.

### VALVOLINE CYLINDER OIL.

THIS Oil is a lubricant for the Valves and Cylinders of Steam Engines, and is free from the objections which exist against the use of tallow or vegetable oils.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Hongkong, July 27, 1881.

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## FOR SALE.

BOURBON WHISKY, "Short Horn"  
BRAND, O.K.B. \*\* and \*\*\*, in  
bottle, 1 dozen per case.

LAFFITTE'S CELEBRATED DINNER AND  
BREAKFAST CLARETS in pints and quarts.

"RHAPSODIA," A BRAIN and NERVE  
TONIC, in bottle.

This Prospectus and Form of Tender can  
be had on application at the Bank.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

Apply to J. G. SMITH & Co.

Hongkong, June 11, 1881.

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## FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s  
CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$16 per 1 doz. Case.

Pints.....\$17 per 2 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

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## FOR SALE.

COUPONS for INTEREST falling due

on 30th June 1881 will be Paid on

Presentation, at the Office of the HONGKONG

AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

Hongkong, and on after that Date:

For Particulars, apply to

J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 25, 1881.

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## To Let.

ROOMS in CLUB CHAMBERS, suitable for  
Offices or Chambers.

The BUNGALOW, No. 2, SHELLY  
STREET.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, June 18, 1881.

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## TO LET.

And, No. 6, PEDDER'S HILL.

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, May 30, 1881.

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## TO LET.

NO. 2, OLD BAILEY STREET.

And, No. 6, PEDDER'S HILL.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

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## Intimations.

### PROSPECTUS

OF THE

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERN-

MENT SILVER LOAN, 1881.

AUTHORIZED BY IMPERIAL DECRE-

ATE DATED THE 2ND MAY, 1881.

For Kuan Thia - 4,000,000.  
Shing Thia - 4,884,000.

In Bonds of Taels 500 each of Shanghai  
Sicys, bearing Interest from the 1st  
August, 1881.

Principal and Interest payable in Shanghai.

The Bonds are redeemable at Par within  
Six years (1887), by Eight Half-yearly

Installments, the first of which will be  
payable on the 30th November, 1883.

The Bonds will bear Interest at the Rate of

Eight per cent. per annum Shanghai

Taels, payable Half-yearly at the

Office of the CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERN-

MENT SILVER LOAN, 1881.

By Order of the General Committee,

EDWARD BEART,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 6, 1881.

## Intimations.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 5611.—JULY 12, 1881.]

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE,  
Ex Recently arrived Mail and  
other Steamships.

**AMERICAN AND ENGLISH  
GROCERIES,**  
FRESH SUPPLIES RECEIVED BY EVERY  
MAIL.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Bonito CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Russian CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH, and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Boat Size SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2½ lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson &amp; Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Richardson &amp; Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

Assorted American SYRUPS, for Sum-

mer Drinks.

McCart's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Codfish BALLS.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.

**CALIFORNIA  
CRACKER**  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

CUTTS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

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3,000 Numbers "FRANKLIN SQUARE" and

"SEASIDE" LIBRARIES, including

McCarthy's "HISTORY OF OUR OWN

TIMES," "ENVYDOM," and

other recent Publications,

from 15 cents to 25

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BANBROFT'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED

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HARPER'S HALF HOUR SERIES.

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ALBUMS of Music, with Words.

ALBUMS of Pianoforte Pieces.

Sheet MUSIC.

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REVOLVING BOOK CASES.

**STATIONERY**—

For LADIES, and OFFICE use.

OFFICE REQUISITES of every description.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

**G I G A R S .**

WINES, SPIRITS, BEER AND

AERATED WATERS.

CROSSE &amp; BLACKWELL'S

a n d

JOHN MOIR &amp; SON'S

FAMOUS HOUSEHOLD STORES.

TEVISSONEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

SAVOEUR PATE.

GAME PATE.

PORK PATE.

OX PALATES.

HUNG (Hambo) BEEF.

TRIPÉ.

FRUITS for Ices.

SHERBET.

COCONUTINA.

Van Houten's COCOA.

EPIC'S COCOA.

ROBINSON'S GROATS.

GELATINE.

Russia OX-TONGUES.

French PLUMS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

SARDINES.

Ham TONGUE and

Chicken SAUSAGE.

ASPARAGUS.

MACARONI.

VERMICELLI.

SAUSAGES.

MEATS.

SOUPS, &amp;c., &amp;c.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly

executed.

Hongkong, June 20, 1881.

## Mails.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE CALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MAURITIUS;

Marseille;

AUG.

PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

## Insurances.

## NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
is prepared to accept FIRST-CLASS RISKS at  
1½% net per Annum, and other INSURANCES at  
Proportionate Rates.Shareholders are reminded that the Directors  
have the power of distributing a certain  
proportion of the ascertained profits annually  
among such Shareholders as have contributed  
to the business to the Company.AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon,  
Penang, and Manila.A. G. STOKES,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

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YANGTZE INSURANCE  
ASSOCIATION.CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)...Ts. 420,000.00  
PERMANENT RESERVE...Ts. 230,000.00  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND...Ts. 288,936.17TOTAL CAPITAL and AC-  
CUMULATIONS, 2nd ...Ts. 938,936.17  
April, 1881.

D. Directors.

F. D. FOREMAN, Esq., Chairman.  
W. M. BOYD, Esq. Wm. MEYERINX, Esq.  
J. H. PINCKNEY, Esq. F. D. HITCH, Esq.HEAD OFFICE: SHANGHAI.  
Messrs RUSSELL & CO., Secretaries.LONDON BRANCH:  
Messrs RARING BROTHERS & CO.,  
Bankers.RICHARD ARTHUR WELL, Esq., Agent,  
68 and 69, Cornhill.POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the world.Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of  
the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annu-  
ally distributed among all Contributors  
of Business in proportion to the Premium  
paid by them.RUSSELL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1881.

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Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
ship Company.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPEVIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatched  
from San Francisco via Yokohama,  
MONDAY, the 18th July, 1881, at 3 p.m.  
Connection being made at Yokohama,  
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
portions.Flight will be received on board until  
4 p.m. of the 17th July.All Parcel Packages should be marked  
to address in full; and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.Proposals for Life Assurance will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.If required, protection will be granted on  
first class up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply toARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1881.

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INSURANCES.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND  
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF NEW ZEALAND.CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling)  
Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, are  
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE  
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual  
Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS &amp; CO.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

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LE CERCLE—TRANSPORTS.

SOCIETE ANONYME D'ASSURANCES  
MARITIMES, MARSEILLE.CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED...15,000,000 Francs.  
CAPITAL PAID-UP...3,750,000. "THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, are  
prepared to grant POLICIES on MARINE  
RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG &amp; CO.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1880.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

CAPITAL...£2,000,000.

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:AGNA, German barque, Captain J. B.  
Davidson.—Wieler & Co.ANN SIEBEN, German barque, Captain A.  
Paulsen.—Wieler & Co.ANTONIA, American ship, Captain M. P.  
Anderson.—Messageries Maritimes.C. F. SAMSON, American ship, Captain  
D. H. Atherton.—Captain.GREAT SURGEON, American barque, Capt.  
H. P. ARBECAN.—Edward Schellihus & Co.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next American Mail may be expected to arrive here by the O. & O. steamer *Fabia* on the 13th inst., Her San Francisco dates are the 11th June. The next French Mail may be expected to arrive here, per the M. M. steamer *Djemah*, on Friday, the 16th inst. Her London dates are 10th June.

The *Shanghai Courier* learns that Messrs Floyd & Co. have accepted a contract to lengthen the *Meli* eighty feet.

The first prize of the Manila Lottery, which was drawn the other day, fell to ticket No. 506, and the second prize to ticket No. 14,852.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs Russell & Co.) that the P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking* will leave Yokohama for Hongkong to-morrow, the 13th instant.

THE German barque *Jace Peter*, which left here on Monday last for Tientsin, put back to-day owing, no doubt, to stress of weather. She is anchored outside Green Island.

We are informed by the agent of the Messageries Maritimes that the Company's S.S. *Djemah* left Saigon for this port to-day (Tuesday), at 2 a.m.; she passed Cape St. James at 7.30 this morning.

A question having been raised as to the seaworthiness of the *Oscar Vidal* at Shanghai, the *Courier* learns that the vessel will not now proceed to Tientsin, as intended. Her cargo was being discharged into another vessel.

In addition to the shipping casualties reported in our *Mail* translations, we hear that fears were entertained there concerning the safety of the steamer *Chirone*, which was said to have been some days overdue from Iloilo when our last advices left.

To-day (12th), while the steamer *Bintus* was making fast to her buoy, a boat engaged in that operation, in which were three Chinamen and a German seaman, was capsized, and the latter and one of the Chinamen drowned.

The Siamese barque *Fabia* was towed into harbour here to-day in a disabled condition, by the *Cutterhead*, the new steamer for the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company. The *Cutterhead* is in command of Captain Miller, formerly of the *Boone*.

The people of Manila have good reason to envy those in countries that are more free from catastrophes than the Philippines. From the account given elsewhere under the "Manila" heading it will be seen that the Typhoon which was referred to by the telegraph nearly a fortnight ago was of a rather severe character. The steamer *Mariete* was lost, accompanied unfortunately by loss of life; and many other casualties are mentioned.

As a natural result of the unusually heavy rains of the last few days, we learn that portions of the retaining walls at Mr. Donny's house ("Brookhurst") and at the new bungalow owned by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co., have fallen out. Indeed, all made ground (terraced lawns, for instance) must be severely tested by the present weather. We have, however, heard of no extensive damage having been done.

APPARENTLY the people of Singapore have a good deal of trouble in controlling the movements of their street conveyances. The sevies appear to be unable to resist the temptation of razing their vehicles, to the danger alike of the passengers and pedestrians, and to defray the fines which are inflicted for this, keep a common fund. The *Singapore Times*, speaking of an accident which had occurred in which two women and a child were hurt, calls for more stringent measures than mere Police Court prosecutions and fines.

The finding of the Marine Court of Inquiry which sat at Singapore to inquire into the loss of the steamer *Elgin* has been issued. The Court consider that the master of the vessel committed an error in judgment in pursuing his course of N.N.E. for so many hours with the wind at N.N.W. and a low barometer, instead of running to the southward. They also consider that the loss of the vessel was due to the master's lack of confidence in the recognised rules of the law of storms. After the ship struck everything that could be attempted was done. The Court did not think it necessary to deal with the certificates of the officers or master, but were of opinion that the master should be reprimanded; which was done. They also suggest that more particular examinations should be held regarding the laws of storms for candidates passing for command of vessels engaged in the waters of the China Sea.

The disgraceful condition of the steps attached to Pedder's Wharf has been more than once referred to in these columns, but, to judge from the letter of a correspondent, no attention has been paid by the Acting Surveyor-General to the danger. It would interest someone who had been injured on these steps to bring an action for damages against the Surveyor-General, because some light might then be thrown upon the masterly manner in which the duties of the department appear to be at present performed. As our correspondent says, several severe falls have occurred during the past two days, owing to the fact that the steps are covered with a greenish mould which makes it impossible for any

one to stand on them. One or two most serious falls have been previously reported; and the Surveyor General may thoroughly satisfy himself, by trying to walk up or down the steps when the tide is out that an inquest is not necessary to secure the accomplishment of this trifling municipal improvement. Seriously speaking, it seems to us that it would be a very simple matter to keep these steps covered with sand during low water, or to take some other means to prevent what is at present a source of danger to every one using the wharf, and especially to ladies.

The rain-storm of the last three or four days has probably saved us from a more serious trouble in the shape of a typhoon, while it has certainly inaugurated a pleasant change in the temperature. What is probably more important than all, however, is that the Poklomin Reservoir has been again filled to overflowing, and the threatened water famine is once more averted. A few days since the rocks at the bottom of the Reservoir were visible; while this morning the water was rushing freely over the levee. As the water was some four or five feet below the by-pass last evening, this means that a considerable amount of rain must have fallen during the succeeding twelve or fourteen hours. It is stated that the water must have risen about ten or twelve feet in the Reservoir during the last four or five days; and as we are informed that the Reservoir shows a rise of about one foot for every inch of rainfall recorded, that would make the rainfall of this long-continued rain-storm something like 12 inches. Speaking of the storage of water at Poklomin, it would be very interesting information for the public to know,—what the present depth of the Reservoir really is, what is its capacity, and how much if any has resulted during the last ten or twelve years. In view of discussions regarding the Water Supply, these matters might be considered by one of the unofficial Members of Council of sufficient interest to justify the putting of a question. To judge from the colour of the water used for domestic purposes after a sharp shower, or by the discolouration of the Harbour near the shore after a good downpour, the amount of siltting must be considerable.

An inquest was held in the Civil Hospital this afternoon before the Coroner, (Mr. H. E. Wodehouse) and a jury composed of Messrs J. A. da Costa, Chung Ahoi, and Chow Tung.

Mr. Marques said the body was brought to the Hospital yesterday evening about half past four. It was that of a well-built Chinese girl, about 19 or 20 years of age. He concluded from the appearance of the body that the girl had been drowned.

Li Achi, wife of a seaman, said she knew the deceased. On Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock deceased called witness to assist her in taking some passenger to the S. S. *Piattner*. Just when they got alongside a heavy squall struck the boat, throwing the occupants into the water. When the occurrence was seen a boat came and picked all up with the exception of the deceased, who could not be seen. The boat landed them, and they went and reported the matter to the Police. No one from the steamer gave any assistance.

Yong Achin, master of the sampan No. 4826, gave evidence as to the rescue. His boat was lying near the end of the P. & O. Pier when he heard cries and saw some people in the water, and witness and two of his brothers proceeded to their assistance, and picked up two men, one woman and a girl. They could not find the fifth.

Inspector Thomas gave evidence as to the state of the weather on Sunday. The wind increased in force in the afternoon. The house was rough.

Li Achi (seaman) spoke as to the finding of the body of the deceased.

Defendant admitted the charge. He got one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

DEFENDANT CONDUCT.

Thomas Simonds, steward of the S. S. *Tintallan*, was charged by Dr. B. M. Bleeker with making a disturbance at the Civil Hospital.

P.C. 610 said that he found the defendant in the street with a large wound in his head, and took him to the Hospital, where he began to make a disturbance.

Defendant said he was exceedingly sorry for what he done.

Fined 85 or 2 days in gaol.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Maria Farina, single woman belonging to Mayo, was charged by another woman of the name of Mayo.

Complainant said she and defendant lived in the same house. They had a quarrel about breaking open the door of the room in which they lived and got to blows.

Defendant denied striking her.

Both parties bound over to keep the peace for one month in the sum of \$7.

BURBERY AND ASSAULT.

Wong Ling and Wong Afat, remanded from 2nd June, were charged with robbing Te Aon of \$2, and also with assaulting him.

P.C. 168 said that in consequence of information he received he went and arrested the 2nd defendant on a charge of robbing the complainant. On the way to the Station, second defendant pointed out the first as also having had a hand in the affair. At the Station the first defendant was recognised by the complainant as one of the men.

Complainant said he was paying a visit to Hongkong, and while going in the direction of the Harbour Master's Office, on Saturday morning, he felt some one put his hand in his pocket and steal some money he had in it. He caught hold of him, when another man threw a stone which, striking him hard, forced him to let go. He reported the matter.

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The *North-China Daily News* of the 9th says:—"We hear that a telegram was received yesterday to the effect that there was very little demand in London for the *London Castle's* tea, which was selling at 8d. to 9d. per lb."

By Imperial decree, the Chinese Minister accredited to Spain, the United States of America and Peru, Chen-Lau-pin, formerly at the head of the well-known Cuba commissariat, has been recalled at the expiration of his term of service; and in his stead, Cheng-tao-jui, Customs Tao-tai at Tientsin, has been nominated.—*Courier*.

The friends of Mr. Frenzberg, Interpreter at the German Consulate-General at this port will be glad to hear of his promotion to the charge of General Consul in Hayti.

Mr. Paulsen-Priester. It is ex-

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Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., Police Magistrate.)

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INDEMNITY BATHING.

Cheung Chan Heing and Cheung U Lan were convicted on the evidence of P.C. 24 of indecent bathing in and defiling a public stream close to Bonham Strand.

Fined 45 cents in default 7 days in prison with hard labour, and to be exposed under the stocks at the scene of offence.

PROFILING.

Franisco Garcia and Feliciano Roda, seamen, of Manila, were charged with fighting and mutual having done so. They were fined \$2 each for three days in gaol with hard labour, and each bound over to keep the peace for one month in the sum of \$5.

THEFT.

Lai Achi was charged with stealing a pair of silk trousers from San Awo, a married woman.

Complainant stated that as she was in a passage boat with a basket containing the trousers defendant snatched the trousers from her basket and ran. A constable arrested her.

Defendant admitted the charge. He got one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

DEFENDANT CONDUCT.

Thomas Simonds, steward of the S. S. *Tintallan*, was charged by Dr. B. M. Bleeker with making a disturbance at the Civil Hospital.

P.C. 610 said that he found the defendant in the street with a large wound in his head, and took him to the Hospital, where he began to make a disturbance.

Defendant said he was exceedingly sorry for what he done.

Fined 85 or 2 days in gaol.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Wong Ling and Wong Afat, remanded from 2nd June, were charged with robbing Te Aon of \$2, and also with assaulting him.

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The Attorney General contended that they could not go behind the finding of the jury. After a good deal of discussion it was agreed, to save a new trial, that the parties should try and come to an arrangement, and with that view the matter was left over.

The Attorney General, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller, and Johnson, represented for the plaintiff; and Mr. Hayter, instructed by Messrs Broxton and Wotton, for the defendants.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honor the Acting Prince Judge, J. Russell, Esq.)

LAM HOI TONG v. LAM THAI CHENG.

This case, adjourned from last night, was again before the Court to-day, and after a considerable time spent over it, the plaintiff was non-suited, with costs.

As regard compensation for the wrong, if the owners liked to raise an action that they could do so, but no compensation could be given in the present case.

Mr. Mossop appeared for the defendant, and Mr. Wotton for the plaintiff.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THOSE SLIPPERY STEPS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

12th July.

SIR.—I have just seen a nasty fall on the steps of Peddar's Wharf, which makes the third since noon yesterday. These steps are a perfect disgrace to the Colony, and for one who would be glad if something could be done. Can you suggest anything?

BROKEN BONES.

KEROSINE.

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